#### CE: IS IT WORTH IT?

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#### **Objectives:**

## Describe the types of CE available to the Public Health Workforce



#### Objectives:

## Discuss how CE can increase audience reach



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Describe the importance of developing processes and partnerships seeking CE



#### FY2002 CDC had:

## 90,000 participants in accredited programs



CME (Physicians)

FY02 11,868



**CNE** (Registered Nurses)

FY02 36,059



CECH
(Certified Health
Education Specialist)

FY02 547



CEU (Generic credit)

FY02 18,142



Pharmacy CEU (ACPE)
Medical Technologists



Sanitarians
Environmental Health
Officers
Medical Assistants



#### Benefits of Having Continuing Education

Customer can meet professional licensure requirements



## Benefits to Having Continuing Education

Makes your product more attractive to customers



## Benefits to Having Continuing Education

### Contributes to a higher quality product



#### Benefits of Having Continuing Education

Increases the knowledge and skills of the public health workforce



#### HOW TO GET YOUR PROGRAM ACCREDITED



Or

THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD





#### CDC will accredit:

**National Programs** 

Programs funded by CDC



#### CDC will NOT accredit:

#### State or local programs



## Requirements based on accrediting organization's rules



Requires lead time—we require 4-6 months for a national conference; slightly shorter for a broadcast or print-based program

Increases the need for individuals to develop the CE proposal and process the credit after the program



Forming partnerships may help you successfully run the CE process



#### Where can I go?

**Schools of Public Health** 

State Professional Organizations

**Academic Centers** 



## Where to find accredited educational activities.....





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#### Public Health Training Network

Catalog:
 CDC course materials
 (mainly CE accredited courses)



## Public Health Training Network

Calendar-CDC courses as well as other relevant courses

www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn



# CDC/ATSDR's Training and Continuing Education Online System

www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtnonline



# CDC/ATSDR's Training and Continuing Education Online System....

Search feature which lists all CDC current accredited courses, most online



#### Latest Changes

Register a site for a nonaccredited broadcast

Accredit urgent broadcasts

Internal CDC training—EPO, NIP weekly seminars, for example



#### CE: Is it worth it?

YES!!!!

